Poverty isn’t a **LINE**. It’s a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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**POVERTY, BY AMERICA**

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**COLORADO**

**RED FLAG**
The 3rd largest high school graduation gap based on income

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### Antipoverty Organizations

- **Colorado Legal Services**
- **Colorado Poverty Law Project**
- **Boulder Housing Partners**
- **Colorado Affordable Legal Services**
- **Bridge House**

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**Antipoverty Policies**

**Does Your State...**

- have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? **✓**
- protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? **✓**
- prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? **✓**
- spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? **✗**
- have a progressive tax rate? **✗**

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### Health

- Uninsured (medical): 7.8% vs 9.2%
- SNAP recipients (food stamps): 1 in 13 vs 1 in 9
- SNAP per household member (monthly): $128 vs $121

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### Education

- Preschool enrollment: 50.6% vs 48%
- High school graduation gap: 19% vs 11.5%
- Avg. student loan debt: $37.1K vs $43K

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### Finance

- Poverty rate: 9.0% vs 11.9%
- Child poverty rate: 10.6% vs 16%
- Minimum wage: $12.56 vs $7.25
- Median income: $84.9K vs $70.7K
- Prison min. wage: $0.13 – $0.38 vs $0.14 – $1.41
- Unbanked households: 3.3% vs 5.4%

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### Housing

- Student homelessness: 2.4% vs 2.7%
- Eviction filing rate: 6.9% vs 7.8%
- Avg. housing voucher wait list time: 17 mos. vs 28 mos.
- Renters paying 30%+ income on rent: 51% vs 49.6%

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**CONSIDER THESE SELECT**

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**LEARN MORE:** sites.prh.com/poverty-in-your-state-sources